

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-1f  
Smoke the best. Wanigas.—64-1f  
E. L. Smith was a St. John visitor Sunday.  
You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-1f-c  
W. C. Folkert of Wheeler was in the city on business Monday.  
P. L. Convis and Rev. Roberts of Ithaca were Alma visitors Monday.  
Mrs. W. A. Brunner spent New Year's with her parents in Morley.  
Attorney Ed. Lyons of St. John was in the city the first of the week on legal business.  
Dr. E. G. Sloyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-1f  
William E. Osborn of Saginaw was in Alma on business for several days during the past week.  
Ross Sullivan left Monday for Big Rapids, where he will attend Ferris Institute this winter.  
Mrs. Fred Church of Bruce, Alberta, is visiting with relatives and friends in and around Alma.  
Mrs. Nina Barstow of Manchester is visiting her brother, P. W. Croaser, and friends in Alma this week.  
Rev. V. K. Beshgetoor is spending two weeks at home, after which he will return to his work in Indiana.  
Mrs. J. Rountree has returned to Alma after spending two weeks with her son and family at Mt. Pleasant.  
Mrs. Thomas Stitt of Chicago is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stitt in the River township.  
Mrs. Maynard Pringle and daughter, Miss Josephine, are spending the week with Mr. Pringle's parents in Detroit.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bennett announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Bennett, to Mr. Fred L. Moffatt of Detroit.  
Mrs. Walter Vliet and son, Stanley, who have been visiting here with relatives during the holidays, left today for their home in Chicago.  
W. J. Melchers of Orono was in Alma Monday on business connected with the Union Telephone company of which he is the general manager.  
Miss Neola Wessels has resigned her position with the X-Cel-All company and has gone to Big Rapids, where she will attend Ferris Institute.  
Henry Myers, who has been in training in the army for the past three months, has received his discharge and returned to his home in this city.  
Fred W. Goodes, who has been in Baltimore, Md., for the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc. for the past few months, has returned to his home in this city.  
Chester Ellison of the U. S. Marines, has returned to Paris Island, S. C., after spending the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ellison.  
Lieut. Charles Gilbert of the Roumanian army was in Alma last week on business with the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc. Some Republics will follow him back to Roumania.

George Irish and John Knoertzer are two gentlemen who usually see what they claim to have seen, yet—well they claim to have seen a robin in a tree on Christmas here in Alma.  
The Alma public schools will open again Monday, January 6, when the Christmas vacation comes to a close. It is expected that all of the pupils will be present, so that the class work will not be delayed in the least.  
Professor Reese F. Veatch, who has been in the government camp recreation service, has returned to Alma for a two weeks' visit before taking up community work. He has sold his residence here to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wagner.

The annual Christmas tree and exercises of the Episcopal church were held Monday evening and a fine time was enjoyed by the many who were present. Rev. Jackson gave a very interesting account of an incident at a Christmas celebration in England. Lantern slides furnished amusement for those present for some little time during the evening.  
Word has been received here of the marriage of Grace Weese of Buffalo to Lieutenant Robert C. Spohn at Washington, D. C., last Thursday. They will make their home in Buffalo after Lieut. Spohn receives his discharge from the service. He is the vice president of the Visible Spark Plug company of that city. Mrs. Spohn will be remembered by Alma people as Mrs. Genesta.

EAST ALMA

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Seem of Rose-dale avenue left Monday for Dighton, near Cadillac. They expect to return to Alma in a couple of months.  
Chas. Bradley of Elmwood avenue has quite recovered from typhoid fever. He is convalescent and is rapidly regaining strength.

Rev. V. K. Beshgetoor will be the preacher at Eastminster chapel next Sunday night. He will tell something of the present condition of affairs in Armenia and the prospect for the immediate future. He will be well worth hearing.

The choir at Eastminster chapel gave a good song service last Sunday night. It is preparing special music for the New Year's exercises this coming Sunday.

Mrs. John McIntyre of Michigan avenue has a letter from her son, Arthur, written on December 12th from Germany (with the Army of Occupation) saying he hopes very soon to be on his way home.

WEST PINE RIVER

James Barry, who has been overseas is home again.  
Mrs. H. Crum spent the week end in Alma with friends.  
Mrs. C. English is entertaining her sister from Illinois.

Miss Anna Lentz, who is working in Grand Rapids, is spending the holidays with her parents here.

Hugh Bartley, who has been in training in different camps in the U. S. A. A., is home again.

C. F. Johnson of Ithaca was a caller here one day last week.

FOREST HILL

Mrs. S. T. Richardson spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Mina Bauer, of Alma.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mills entertained their daughter, Mrs. Clem Knoop, and husband and son, Dale, of Corunna, their son, Roy Mills, and wife and son, Donald, of Lansing a few days last week.  
Mrs. Bert Packer returned home from Jackson the first of the week. She was called there by the serious illness of her son, Leroy. He was well on the road to recovery when she came home.  
A. F. Wood of Riverdale spent from Thursday until Monday at the home of L. B. Leonard.  
The Misses Edna Sias and Treasa Daily of Ashley, Lena Ross of Perrinton, Ethel Bowers of Marion and Clara Hamilton of Saginaw were home for Christmas.

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